

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2-7 and 9-11 as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough and added terms are shown with underscoring. Also, please add new claims 12-18 as shown below.

1. (Original) A device for removing earwax which adheres to a signal outputting portion of a hearing aid, comprising:

a case; and

a brush provided in the case.

2. (Currently amended) A device for removing earwax ~~which adheres to a signal outputting portion of a hearing aid~~ according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~a case;~~

~~a brush provided in the case, and~~

a liquid retaining member₁ for retaining a cleaning liquid₁ also provided in a case.

3. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 2, wherein the ~~brush and the~~ liquid retaining member ~~[[are]]~~ is provided in ~~different cases or in a single~~ the same case as the brush.

4. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 2, wherein the case in which the brush is provided forms an upper case and the case in which the liquid retaining member is provided forms a lower case which mates with the upper case so as to become a unitary case.

5. (Currently amended) A device for removing earwax which adheres to a signal outputting portion of a hearing aid, comprising:

a case;

a brush provided in the case, and

a liquid retaining member₁ for retaining a cleaning liquid₁ provided in the case,

wherein the brush is comprised of a hair structure arranged on the liquid retaining member.

6. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, ~~2, or 5, wherein~~ further comprising a vibration driving means having the case in which the brush is provided is fixed thereto ~~an vibration driving means so as to undergo~~ for imparting at least one of vibration, rotating movement, reciprocating movement ~~[[or]]~~ and two-dimensional movement to the case.

7. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, ~~2, or 5, wherein the device~~ further comprising at least one of a hearing aid drying case ~~[[or]]~~ and a hearing aid carrying case.

8. (Original) A device for removing earwax which adheres to a signal outputting portion of a hearing aid, comprising:

a case which is constructed of a case body and a lid, and

a brush which is provided in at least one of the case body and the lid.

9. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 8, ~~wherein~~ further comprising an anti-slip member is provided on at least one of ~~[[the]]~~ an outer top surface of the lid and ~~[[the]]~~

an outer bottom surface of the case body.

10. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein an anti-slip member is provided on ~~[[the]]~~ an outer peripheral surface of the case body.

11. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 8, ~~9, or 10~~, wherein the case body is divided into a brush accommodating section and a cleaning member accommodating section.

12. (New) The device according to claim 2, wherein the case in which the liquid retaining member is provided is different than the case in which the brush is provided.

13. (New) The device according to claim 2, further comprising means for imparting at least one of vibration, rotating movement, reciprocating movement and two-dimensional movement to the case in which the brush is provided, and the case in which the brush is provided is fixed to said means.

14. (New) The device according to claim 5, further comprising a vibration driving means having the case fixed thereto for imparting at least one of vibration, rotating movement, reciprocating movement and two-dimensional movement to the case.

15. (New) The device according to claim 5, further comprising at least one of a hearing aid drying case and a hearing aid carrying case.

16. (New) The device according to claim 11, further comprising a partition disposed in said case body between said sections.

17. (New) The device according to claim 9, wherein the case body is divided into a brush accommodating section and a cleaning member accommodating section.

18. (New) The device according to claim 10, wherein the case body is divided into a brush accommodating section and a cleaning member accommodating section.